



# State of New Mexico

## *Office of the Governor*

Bill Richardson  
Governor

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2004-024

#### MODIFYING THE NEW MEXICO FELLOWS PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the State of New Mexico and its Citizens that our future leaders have opportunities to observe first-hand the important and challenging responsibilities of state government;

**WHEREAS**, providing opportunities for future leaders to participate in government early in their careers will help persons with high qualifications become well-informed and public-spirited citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that public recognition be given to persons of exceptional promise who are willing to devote their time to increasing their understanding of public business.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in this office by the Constitution and Laws of New Mexico, do hereby modify the New Mexico Fellows Program for the purpose of providing promising future leaders with opportunities to serve in State Government. Furthermore, the New Mexico Fellows Program Board of Directors (hereinafter "the Board") is also hereby modified. The Board shall be constituted as follows:

- a. Membership shall consist of at least fifteen (15) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor;
- b. The Chairman shall be selected by the Governor;
- c. The members shall serve voluntarily and shall serve without compensation; and
- d. The Governor's Office, or other organization as from time to time needed, shall provide the Board with administrative services and staff support.

The duties and responsibilities of the New Mexico Fellows Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- a. To accept applications from New Mexico college students, interview the applicants, select the Fellows who shall participate, and recommend assignments of Fellows;
- b. Prescribe standards and procedures which shall be so drawn as to limit the selection of New Mexico Fellows to persons who:

- i. have demonstrated unusual ability, high moral character, outstanding motivation, and a broad capacity for leadership;
- ii. are presently enrolled as advanced college undergraduates or graduate students, or are recent graduates of an institution of higher education, and show exceptional promise of future development; and
- iii. attend or have attended college or high school in New Mexico and are dedicated to the institutions of the United States and the State of New Mexico.

The duties and responsibilities of the students selected as New Mexico Fellows shall be as follows:

New Mexico Fellows will be appointed to serve for ten (10) weeks to coincide with college summer break, of the year in which they are selected, and shall be assigned to serve in the offices of members of the Cabinet or in the offices of such other Executive Branch officials as shall be designated by the Governor.

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Agencies are as follows:

Each executive agency shall extend full cooperation to the New Mexico Fellows Program and maximize the Program's benefits to each Fellow, the Department or Agency, and the State of New Mexico.


**THIS ORDER** supersedes Executive Order 1991-7 and any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

ATTEST:

  
REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS  
4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2004

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

  
BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR

